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Christmas Cheers At The Rec Center

by Jean Macdonald, Chair, YATF

There was an air of anticipation at King Greenleaf as Christmas drew close.

First, could a live tree which didn't cost a fortune be found? The answer was yes. The Youth Activities Task Force (YATF) came through with a donation. It was a scotch pine of about 10 feet with a stand and decorations. Now, the question was: Would Santa come and bring any presents? The answer was, again, yes.

Philip Baroody is founder of the Washington Youth Foundation (WYF), Black Belt instructor and the King Greenleaf Tae Kwon Do class instructor for the past 3 years. He reached a very generous Santa, in fact, three Santas! In addition to teaching at Greenleaf, Mr. Baroody teaches at three Virginia martial arts schools: The Black Belt Academy and the World Karate School in Fairfax, and the Jhoon Rhee School in Falls Church. The parents of his Virginia students, knowing of his involvement with our YATF sponsored the Tae Kwon Do program. They



Gifts, Gifts and More Gifts, l-r PJ Holman, Ravon and DiQuan Daniels, Sheldon McFadden

opened their hearts and outdid Santa Claus. They sent the most beautifully, wrapped gifts, labeled by age and sex, and ready to be claimed.

There was a room full of presents, augmented by more gifts from WYF for some of our long time students. Both WYF and YATF provided the pizzas and other refreshments. All of these vanished before the gift giving began.

Helping with the party were two volunteer instructors, Meaghan Fredericks and Randolph Jacobs.

Randolph was brought up in Southwest and both he and Meaghan are wonderful role models for the students.

Tae Kwon Do levels use colored belts to indicate achievement — with Black Belt being the highest. Then comes Brown, Red, Blue, Purple, Green, Gold, and White (beginner).



ANC Vote

On a tie vote of 3-3 the ANC failed to support the Town Center Plaza tenants in their bid to get title to the land (where the current buildings are) from the NCRC. Last week, the SWNA Board unanimously agreed to support this venture. SWNA recently sent a letter to the NCRC in support of the tenants. The hearing is on January 19th at Westminster Church.

Reps Speak about WM at ANC Meeting



Above left, Gordon Fraley of Kaempfer, David Smith of Forest City & Ms. Budoff of the NCRC explaining new plans; Above center, xxxxxx making presentation; above right, police chief giving report.

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from email by Commissioner Skolnik

NCRC and Forest City reported on the plans to develop the Waterfront Mall (new name for the Waterside Mall). The plans call for increased residential (800,000 square feet with a 20% affordable housing component) and retail (75,000 sq. ft.) space. Fourth Street will be opened to accommodate street-level retail. NCRC and the developers discussed a land swap whereby Forest City gained ownership of the property in exchange for a transfer of the NE parcel (20% of property) to the NCRC. Demolition on the project could begin soon, but the Safeway will remain open. CVS will have to be relocated within the site but should remain open during the

construction

ANC Officers: The ANC elected its new officers tonight: Andy Litsky (Chair), David Sobelsohn (Vice-Chair), Roger Mofat (Secretary), Max Skolnik (Treasurer).

ANC Committees: On January 3rd, we held our first orientation meeting for the new ANC Committees. We had great attendance and the new committees estab-

lished their meeting schedules.

- Community Outreach: Every 4th Sunday, 4:00pm at the Greenleaf Residents Council office, 205 L St. SW, next meeting at Jan. 25.

- Development and Planning: Every 3rd Thursday, 7:30pm at a site TBD, next meeting Jan. 19.

- ABC Committee: TBD.

Next SWNA Meeting: Jan. 23rd

Speakers will include Ataya Ball-Lacey, Edra Derricks School Readiness Learning Academy, Connie Miles who is the President, 325 Tenants Association (Channel Square), Lea Adams – Marina View Towers Tenant Association & Jennifer Budoff – Senior Development Manager, National Capital Revitalization Corp. (will talk about WM)

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Southwest Community Calendar

January - February 2006

MONTHLY

MON., JAN. 23, SWNA Public meeting, St. Augustine's, 6th & M St., SW 7:30

TUES., JAN. 24, SW Chamber Music, St. Augustine's, 6th & Maine St., 7:30

TUES., JAN. 31, SW Chamber Music, St. Augustine's, 6th & Maine St., 7:30

TUES., FEB. 7, Citizens Advisory Council, Police Hdqtrs., 415-4th St., SW, 7 pm

MON., FEB. 13, ANC Monthly meeting, Millennium Arts Center, 65 I St., SW, 7 pm

THURS., FEB. 16, Police PSA public meeting, Town Square Towers, 700 - 7th St., 7 pm

SAT., FEB. 18, Breakfast at Christ United Methodist Church, 4th & I St., SW, 9-11 am

MON., FEB. 27, SWNA Public meeting, St. Augustine's, 7th & M St., SW 7:30

WEEKLY, BI-WEEKLY

KOMEN TOASTMASTERS - First & Third Sat., S.W. Library, 10 am.

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NEW SOUTHWEST TOASTMASTERS - Every Wed. GSA Bldg - 7th & D St. S.W., Room 5009 (inside cafeteria), noon.

LABYRINTH WALK - First & Third Wed., Westminster Church, 4th & I St., SW, 7 pm

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The 2005-2006 Season began December 3rd, 2005. However, you can still see performances of the Capitol Hill Chorale group on Saturday, March 18th at 8 pm, Sunday, March 19th, 4 pm, Saturday, June 3rd at 8 pm, & Sunday, June 4th at 4 pm. Performances are at the Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, 201 Fourth St., SE. The cost for general admission is \$15, preferred seating is \$20, Seniors (65+) & Students are \$10. Please contact the Choral at 202/547-6839 or visit the website at www.capitolhillchorale.org for more information.

The U.S. Navy Band

The Navy Band Commodores with vocalist MUC Yolanda Harvin will perform a free concert at the U.S. Navy Museum on Thursday, January 26, 2006 at 7:30 pm. The concert is open to the public, but an RSVP to 202-433-6897 is required for entry to Washington Navy Yard, enter at the 6th & M St. Gate (there is parking available on the Yard)

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Left to right; Rev. Philip C. Huber, Pastor, St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church; John Bryson Chane, Episcopal Bishop of the Diocese of Washington; Theodore F. Schneider, Evangelical Lutheran Bishop, Metropolitan Washington Synod; and Rev. Martha Clark, Priest-in-Charge, St. Augustine's Episcopal Church.



Joint Worship Service

By Elaine F. Graves

Sunday, December 18 marked an historic spiritual celebration in Southwest Washington, DC, of the joint worship services of St. Augustine's Episcopal Church and St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church. Both the Episcopal and Lutheran Bishops attended to celebrate their two congregations coming together to share worship and space for the next few years.

Bishop Chane noted that both St. Augustine's and St. Matthew's "are the model now of how we can share and participate together."

Bishop Schneider said, "The two sister congregations are the shining sense of the spirit's action in the Church, following an Advent message of 'stir up your power Lord and come.'"

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By Dale MacIver

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Barbara Peirce at her hand loom

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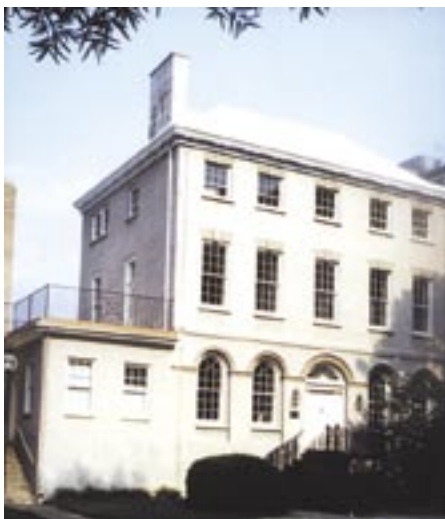
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New Officers and Members of the Board of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly will be elected in open elections Saturday March 25th, 10 am - 3 pm at Waterside Mall, 401 M St. S.W.

Any resident of Near Southwest (Zip Code 20024) age 18 and up is eligible to vote and to be elected. Write-ins are allowed. To be on the printed ballot a person must be suggested by the nominating committee or nominated from the floor at the Mon. Feb 27th SWNA meeting.

Call in your suggestions to the nominating committee by contacting Thelma Jones 202/488-3746.

At the March election everyone in Southwest can vote for officers (president, first vice-president, secretary, treasurer). However, the eight other members of the Board are elected by their own neighbors who live in each of the four smaller districts.

Not sure of your district? Check this list:

District 1 North of M Street and west of 4th St, including: Marinas on Waterfront;

Marina View Towers, Waterside Towers and Townhouses, Town Square Towers and townhouses, the Commons. Capitol Square

District 2 North of M Street and east of 4th to South Capitol Street, including: 1001 and 1101 3rd St SW, 800 4th St., Capitol Park townhouses, 301 G St., 101-103 G St., 201 Eye St., Greenleaf Annex.

District 3 South of M St. and west of Delaware and Canal St and south to the Anacostia River, including: Ft. McNair, Harbour Square, Tiber Island, Edgewater, Riverside, Channel Square, River Park apartments and townhouses, Carrollsburg Condominiums and townhouses, St. James Mutual Homes.

District 4 south of M Street and east of Delaware and Canal St., including Greenleaf, Greenleaf Seniors, James Creek, Syphax Gardens, Tel-Court, and townhouses on Carrollsburg, Syphax Village

Place, Howison, Half St., 1st St, 2nd St., N, O, P, and Q Streets.

AARP Christmas Party

By Chuck Huddleston

The AARP Southwest Waterfront Chapter #4751 held its annual Christmas Gala at the Channel Inn Pier 7 Restaurant on December 14, 2005. The dinner consisted of a choice of seafood platter, broiled minute steak or filet mignon with an assortment of rolls and various refreshments. A number of door prizes were given out as well as two "Special Presentations." The special presentations were given to **Alberta White**, the Hostess Chair and to **Ray Williams**, Chapter President. AARP members with birthdays in December were also recognized. Most of the attendees brought Christmas gifts for "Toys for Tots."

Since its origin, our chapter has been meeting at **St. Matthews Lutheran Church** at 322 M Street SW. The last meeting at this location was in November 2005. Due to renovations at the church our meetings will be held at **River Park Apartments**, 1311 Delaware Avenue SW,

until further notice. To become a member of our local chapter, one must be age 50 or older and a member of the National AARP. Our local dues are \$15.00 annually. You may contact **Mary Brooks**, Membership Chair 202 484-0440, **Ray Williams**, Chapter President, 202 484-9174 or **Chuck Huddleston**, Chapter Treasurer, 202 554-3331 or email Ray Williams at RW7299@aol.com.

Our chapter is a local extension of the National AARP organization whose mission is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for all as we age. New members are always welcome! As a member of AARP you have access to an exceptionally wide range of benefits and services. Get involved and make a difference right where you live!!!! For additional information visit www.AARP.org or call Toll-Free 1-888-678-2277.

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Zelda Fichandler directs this Clifford Odets masterpiece

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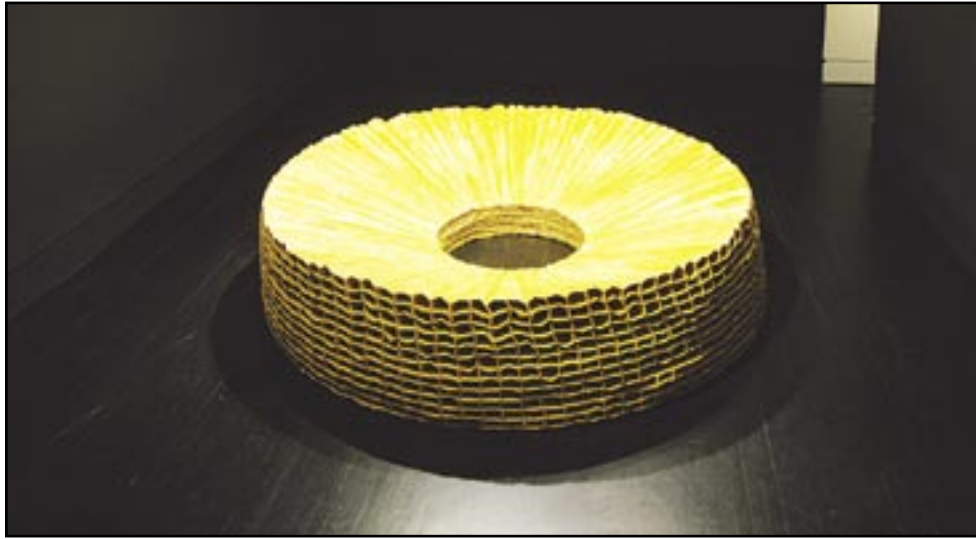
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Keeping Up With Past SWNA Scholarship Recipients

By Barbara Murray

Washington Post's art critic, Michael O'Sullivan, recently acclaimed local artist, Mary Early, for two of her sculptures exhibited at Hemphill Fine Arts. In an article titled, "When is a Gallery Visit of Value?" Mr. O'Sullivan's answer was, "When you are visiting a gallery to see a Mary Early sculpture." Currently, Mary is working in beeswax and wood, so the pleasant aroma permeates the space and there seems to be a glow coming from within her pieces.

Mary, a 1994 SWNA scholarship recipient, is a graduate of Bennington College

in Vermont. She lives in the Southwest community and works at Hemphill Fine Arts in Northwest DC. She will be included in the exhibition *Sculpture Unbound*, presented by the WPA\Corcoran & Washington Sculptors Group at Edison Place Gallery, 702 8th Street, NW, 8th Street entrance, through March 31. The exhibition hours are Tues. - Fri., 12 noon - 4 p.m.

The SWNA likes to write about our former scholarship recipients. If you have knowledge of the accomplishments of past recipients, please contact Barbara Murray or the Southwester Office at (202) 554-8560.

Old SW History Presentation Meeting

By Ron McBee

On Tuesday, 24 January at 7 PM, Students from the University of Maryland's Historic Preservation Class will present the results of their semester-long study of the history of "Old Southwest" — the area south of M Street that was not demolished in the 1940's urban renewal — at the community room of the Syphax School (N and Half Street SW). The discussion will include the construction dates for most of the buildings in the community, history of the neighborhood's economic and social development over the years, and possible approaches to protect the community's built resources.

Copies of the completed report have been deposited at the Southwest branch library, the ANC office, and with the SWNA History Task Force and Syphax Community Center Historic Restoration Society, and also at the ML King Library and the library of the Historical Society of Washington DC (both downtown).

Safe Sitter Training

By Thelma Jones

The SW Youth Task Force will sponsor a Safe Sitter training for boys and girls ages 11-13 Saturday, February 25, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, River Park, 1311 Delaware Avenue, SW, South Common Room. Thanks to a grant from East-Coast Development (Portal), registration and supplies are free; however, students must commit to attending the entire session. The highly interactive, hands-on training with two instructors includes caring for a child in your charge, babysitting as a business, first aid, choking and rescue breathing,

diapering and having lots of fun. A test will be given to ensure the mastery of the material and techniques. Registration is required. Parents and visitors are welcomed to attend the training and closing ceremony as observers.

Since the inception of YATF's Safe Sitter program, approximately 15 students have been trained, some of whom are babysitting their siblings while others are babysitting as a business or simply feeling more confident in handling emergencies whether at home or in school. To register or receive more information, please call Thelma Jones at (202) 488-3746.

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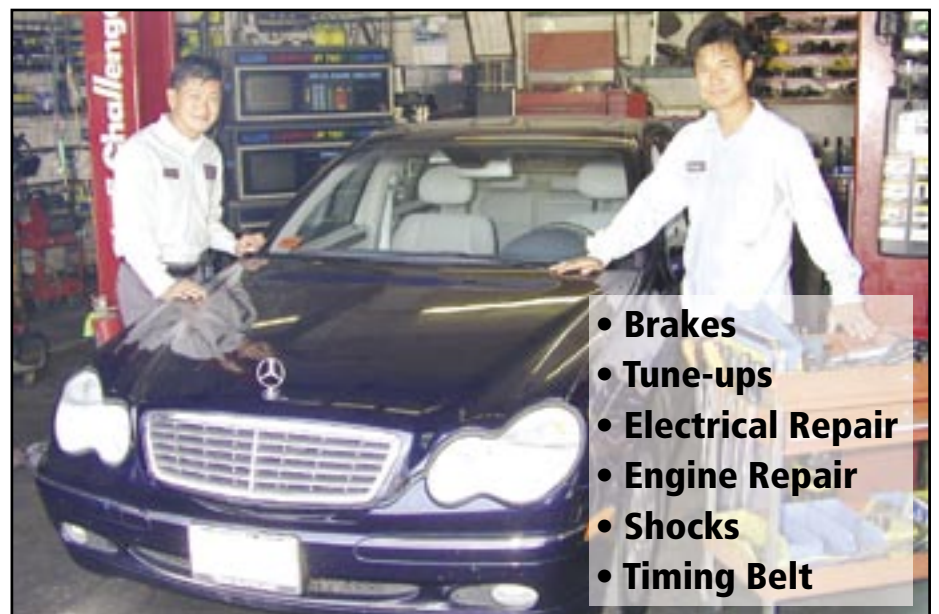
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one comes to your door selling them, call Aisha Williams at the Girl Scout Council, 202/237-1670 #244. She'll see that you receive some.

There is a GS Multi-level troop at the Greenleaf Community Center. The ages in the troop range from five to seventeen. Volunteers are needed for new troops. Call Aisha if you can volunteer.

National Children's Museum Fast Facts

National Children's Museum serves as the centerpiece of The JBG Companies' major redevelopment of L'Enfant Plaza. A new center office building will include an architecturally distinctive entrance to the Museum. JBG's master plan includes not only the museum, but also 800,000 square feet of new office, residential, and retail development at the site.

NCM will own and reside in a 140,000 square foot, state-of-the-art facility designed by world renowned architect Cesar Pelli with interiors designed by

Hickok Warner Cole. It is scheduled to open in 2008.

Children's museums are the fastest growing museum segment around the world. NCM intends to incorporate all of the best practices and add something else—an ongoing commitment to market research about our primary customer: kids. We think this practice makes sense for an institution that hopes to serve as a resource for others.

More information about the National Children's Museum can be found at www.ncm.museum.

Two Day-Care Centers Close

St. Matthew's Day Care and 2nd Baptist's Day Care closed their doors on December 31, 2005 although St. Matthew's Day Care was allowed to stay until January 31, 2006

Christ United Methodist Church:

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"Sanitary Housing" in Southwest

By Vanessa Ruffin, this is second article in series

In the 19th Century, private citizens were not just advocates but the sole providers of housing for Citizens in the US. The Government housed only the military and related staff. In 1892 Congress allocates \$20,000 for the Commissioner of Labor to begin a National Study of Slums.

On April 9, 1897 at the residence of George M. Kober, the Washington Sanitary Improvement Company (WSIC) was founded. A completed report of the "Committee on Housing of the Civic Center" on January 27, 1897, spawn this philanthropic business whose purpose was to construct well-built, low-cost housing, made of brick, in Washington, DC for the habitation of the working class.

From 1897, Surgeon General, George Miller Sternberg (president and mentor) and George Martin Kober (secretary & friend), served as cofounders of the Washington Sanitary Improvement Company (WSIC) and in 1904 the Washington Sanitary Housing Company (WSHC). When George M. Sternberg died in 1915, Kober became the president of WSIC & WSHC.

The latter company (WSHC) was formed to provide housing for poorer workers, chiefly blacks who lived in the Washington, D.C. alley slums. Rejecting the tenement approach, the houses built were small, two-flat, structures made of brick. The flats had two to four rooms a bath, and a toilet, and each family had a backyard and a separate entrance. These efforts gained international recognition in 1900 at the Paris International Exposition where Kober received a gold medal for his activities in creating sanitary homes, at reasonable rentals, for wage earners.

In the words of the sociologist, Mr. Riis, "you can't raise people in pig sties and then expect them to act like men." Take away the hovels and filthy places, let sun shine and pure air circulate through their homes and teach them habits of cleanliness and responsibility and the first step towards the elevation

of the degraded and the education of the ignorant will be taken, not only in the warfare against tuberculosis and other diseases engendered by insanitary surroundings, but also in the battle for higher moral and social standards.

The follow is a list of squares = city blocks, of Sanitary Housing Development, in Southwest (the underscored remain, in part or in whole, in Southwest today)

1. (Sq. 0545)- Van Street SW. by the



This picture above is taken from the 3rd Street end of Van Street looking towards 4th Street which was between N Street to the left and M Street to the right. The large building in the background of the with the flag pole on top is the former Greenleaf School. Below is a view down what is "Van Street" today (1/8/2006) — A sidewalk in what is now Carrollsburg Condominium & Square.



WSHC; Architect, Appleton Prentiss Clark

2. (Sq. 0649)- 1 to 39 M street, WSHC 3/5/1907, A. P. Clark Jr.

3. (Sq. 0651)- 1200 block of Half South Capitol, M N St., WSIC 7/25/1908, 11/12/1909, 5/21/1914, 6/16/1909, 6/5/1909, A. P. Clark Jr.

4. (Sq. 0654)- 1400 block of Half between O & P (Tel Court), WSIC 8/3/1938, 3/1/1939 A. P. Clark Jr.

5. (Sq. 0655)- 1400 block of Carrollsburg St. (even), 1400 block South Capitol (odd) WSHC, 6/8/1914, A. P. Clark Jr.

6. (Sq. 0665)- 1400 block of Carrollsburg (odd), 1400 block of Half (even), WSHC 9/9/1931, A.P. Clark Jr.

7. (Sq. 0546E)- 221 O St.(Apt.), WSIC 5/18/1939, A. P. Clark Jr.

8. (Sq. 0547E)- 1400 3rd - 1400 block Canal (odd), 200. block O St. & P St., WSHC 4/20/1937, A. P. Clark Jr.

"What's happening just across the Mall" or, Tales of the Circulator Bus Part II

By Lida Churchville

Years ago, the Gangplank Restaurant on the waterfront served as a casual meeting place for SW neighbors as well as Marina residents and visiting boat people. Those days are gone now, there are no more gathering places in Southwest. Closing the grill in the Waterside Mall in 2005 was the end of neighbors getting together for a casual cup of coffee and a sandwich close to home.

The good news for Southwest residents is that the new Circulator bus makes it possible to get to the thriving Seventh Street life north of Pennsylvania Avenue in just minutes. While waiting for the redevelopment of Southwest, take advantage of the frequent bus service, and the low fares, and find out what awaits you just across the Mall.

Starting at the Arena Stage, the Circulator goes north on Seventh Street stopping at the DOT, at Air and Space, and at the National Gallery before crossing Pennsylvania Avenue. As you enter the "Penn Quarter" neighborhood, you will note there is a Starbucks near the Circulator stop.

Two blocks north, at the next bus stop at the corner of E Street, there is another Starbucks. In between coffee shops, don't miss two wonderful meeting spots providing a variety of food and drink in establishments designed to provide that cozy warm feeling so important in the midst of winter's chill.

Start with Olsson's bookstore (the former Lansburgh Store at 418 - 7th St., NW) and its Footnote Café, a favorite gathering place. Olsson's emphasizes books on theater, film, history, and fiction, as well as recorded music including rock, jazz, folk, and classical. DVD films, including foreign movies, may be rented. High-speed internet access computer stations are available for a small fee.

Author readings taking place during the month are listed at <http://www.ols-sons.com>. Events include a reading of their own works by DC Grade 6-12 students on February 2nd at 6:30 pm, and a reading by Georgetown history professor Michael Kazin of his timely book, "William Jennings Bryan: a godly hero" on February 23rd at 7pm.

Olsson's provides racks at the front entrance for free community papers including the City Paper, Hill Rag, and Southwester. Close to the entrance is a most appealing small café with a surprisingly rich and varied menu. Coffee drinks, a wide choice of teas, chocolate, cider, sodas, wine and beer are available, as well as made-to-order sandwiches named after famous authors. Soups and specials change daily with the menus online at <http://www.footnotescfe.com>.

Lentil soup in winter and gazpacho in summer are my favorites. If you love to read and love to eat, the Footnote Café offers both in a relaxed and cozy atmosphere. There are sofas and comfortable chairs for reading, big tables for groups, little tables for writing and laptop use, and big windows offering a wonderful city view. If you want to linger, avoid the lunch rush and the pre-theater hour around seven pm - or just check out the Café's online webcam.

Footnote Café is operated by the affable Yousef Shadid and his staff including his assistant Sandra Adrade.

After visiting Footnotes, you will agree



that the Café's charm is due to the warmth and sincerity of Yousef and friends.

Don't miss Happy Hour at Andale (401 - 7th). Andale is Spanish for "Let's go!" an appropriate name for an upscale Mexican restaurant on the Circulator route. Andale is an especially fine gathering place because the music never overwhelms the table conversation.

Although always happy with my Andale dining experiences, I am more familiar with their Happy Hours. Andale's Happy Hour is from 4:30 to 7 pm M-F. Wines by the glass, draft beers, and the house margarita are half-price as are some appetizers including my favorite, Taquitos de Pollo, thin corn tortillas with a chicken filling, flash-fried and served with salsas.

Not Happy Hour fare, but if in the mood for an authentically Mexican drink, Andale offers a terrific sangria, ten different margaritas, a spicy tequila chaser, and over fifty tequilas.

Check out Andale's awards of excellence for wine selection and specialty margaritas behind the bar. While there, you will notice Andale's lovely bar: the lighting is just right, the television has subtitles without audio, Mexican music coming from the dining room is subdued, and the service is great. Johnny Barr, the bartender I know best, is attentive, knowledgeable, and gracious, in short, a perfect host.

Leaving Andale, it's a short walk down Seventh to the National Archives where the Circulator bus headed Southwest stops for passengers. On a cold winter night you'll get a great view through the picture windows of the Circulator bus of skaters twirling around the well-lit rink at the corner of Constitution Avenue.

More on the Circulator Bus soon --

KID'S CORNER

Capitol Hill Arts Workshop

By Carole Early

The Capitol Hill Arts Workshop, CHAW has been in existence for over 30 years. Our two adult children attended there when both of them were elementary school aged kids. What is going on there today? The answer is "plenty is going on." This was learned at an Open House held in the renovated school building which is at 545 7th St., SE. Jonathon Darr, the Executive Director, showed Robert Marshall, the Southwester photographer and myself through the facility.

CHAW has an ongoing school curriculum and classes in the visual and performing arts for youth 5-12. It has a Summer Arts Camp, a Youth Chorus, Early Childhood and Adult programs, Adult classes and workshops, private music instruction, digital photography and an open darkroom. They currently work with KidSafe at Bowen.

The classes cost approximately \$14 per instructional hour and they have an extensive scholarship and financial aid program.

The Youth Arts Program is a daily after-school arts program for students ages five to twelve that takes place between 4:00-6:00 pm Monday through Friday. If you are interested in seeing the programs and



The staff of Capitol Hill Arts Workshop. Photos by Robert Marshall.



children in action, you could come sometime during the week between 4:00 and 6:00 pm.

They start their adult workshop series on the first of February 2006 and new sessions of youth classes begin the last week of March 2006. They are currently having classes.

For more information, call Capitol Hill Arts Workshop at 202/547-6839 or go to www.chaw.org

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- ✓ The average days on market were 32. *
- ✓ Southwest DC Homes sold for 99.97% of the asking price. *

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New Location!!! The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA) will meet on Monday, January 23rd, at St. Augustine's Church, 6th Street and Maine Avenue SW, from 7:30 to 9 PM.

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